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SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS
IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT PILOT COUNTIES
IN 1955-56

Listed below are evidences of specific accomplishments gleaned from various sources of information with respect to Rural Development pilot county operations during the past fiscal year. In many such counties during this first year of operations they have not proceeded much beyond the state of getting their organization established and making an analysis of county problems and potential opportunities. However, some counties have proceeded sufficiently far to have certain specific accomplishments chargeable to the organized efforts growing out of the Rural Development Program.

In this summary no effort is made to report intensified activities on the part of various agencies of the Department of Agriculture, including the employment of additional personnel as the result of inauguration of this work. Likewise no effort is made to list the various and sundry activities within agriculture itself which have been intensified as the result of pilot county efforts.

- +1. Two new industrial plants in process of being established in the county.
- +2. Industrial committee instrumental in acquiring a new shirt manufacturing plant in the county with local businessmen subscribing \$100,000 to help finance the necessary building. Committee is also carrying on negotiations with a cabinet company for the location of a new furniture plant in the county to provide employment for male labor.
3. Industrial committee instrumental in getting an outside company to purchase and expand the existing telephone company and services.
4. The County Court appropriated funds: (a) to enlarge 3 school buildings, (b) to establish a health clinic, and (c) to make the County Poor Farm a demonstration farm for the area.
5. County seat town was incorporated and issued revenue bonds to finance an adequate water system, a partial objective being to make possible the attracting of industry to the town.
6. The County Park Commission was activated to the point of undertaking the development of a county park to which volunteer labor was recruited in putting it into usable shape.

7. County school officials employed two industrial teachers to provide industrial training to the youth of the county.
8. Employment Service established a local county office for the first time.

Although not as yet brought to final fruition, the following are reported as in progress:

1. The establishment of a vegetable canning and processing plant in the county.
2. Both a charcoal producing company and a plywood and veneer factory are exploring the possibility of locating plants in the county.
3. A major pulp company is exploring the possibility of establishing a new pulp plant in the county.

In all probability there are many other specific accomplishments not listed above about which we do not have information since no formal reporting system exists as yet with regard to such matters.

